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HONGKONG.

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Overtaken on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 20, 1887. 363

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 3 per cent. per annum interest.
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- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank" must be forwarded from the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, September 1, 1887. 754

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHIPMASTERS AND ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, letters for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.

In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Under-Engineer is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.

D. GILLIES, Secretary.
Hongkong, August 25, 1887. 1458

NOTICE.

GEO. W. SMITH, WINE MERCHANT, SHANGHAI.
Agents,
NESTON & Co.,
MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD,
Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1918

Intimations.

THE CHINA & JAPAN TELEPHONE COMPANY, LIMITED.
4, CLUB CHAMBERS.

WANTED for the above Company, TWO THREE ROOMS, centrally situated, as Offices.
Also, a Small GODOWN, or STORE-ROOM for Material.

HAROLD DOWSON, Agent.
Hongkong, October 22, 1887. 2056

JAPAN.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

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50,000 JUBILEE LANTERNS.

On silk or paper at \$4 per 100 and upwards.

NOW ON VIEW

opposite the HONGKONG HOTEL, Hongkong, October 3, 1887. 1937

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

THE Annual General Meeting of the CORPS, will be held at the HEAD QUARTERS, on TUESDAY, the 28th Instant, at 6.30 p.m. No Uniform.

By Order.

THE FUNJUM AND SUNGHE DUA SAMANTAN MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that ALL CALLS on the SHARES of the Company due on the 3rd June, 1887, together with INTEREST thereon remaining unpaid, are Required to be PAID forthwith. And further, that if all such Calls be not Paid on or before the 31st October instant, the Directors will proceed to FORFEIT the SHARES in respect of which such Calls are due, in pursuance of the Articles of Association of the Company.

Dated this 5th October, 1887.

A. O'D. GOURDIN, Secretary.

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ROBES ET CONFECTIONS

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(Hongkong, May 23, 1887. 081)

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FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

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CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.

Sole Address,
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(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 65

Business Notices.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

THE NEW STOCK OF CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS.
Has now arrived and consists of THE LATEST ART PRODUCTIONS.

PRANG'S HAND-PAINTED CARDS made up in a variety of Pretty and Useful Forms:—FLORAL WALL and TABLE PICTURES, LETTER RACKS, BOTTING CASES, NOTE CASES, BOOK MARKERS, FLORAL ALBUMS, POSTCARDS, SATIN-PAINTED SCENT SACHETS.

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RAPHAEL TUCK'S, DE LA RUE'S & MARION'S NEW DESIGNS, including:—A large variety of Pretty and Sensible BOOKLET HAND-PAINTED SEASCAPES on Porcelain, and a Good Selection of CHILDREN'S CARDS.

Also, HANDSOME BIRTHDAY CARDS.

EACH CARD HAS A SUITABLE ENVELOPE AND WRAPPER.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. 2067

Hongkong, October 24, 1887.

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BLACK, DRAB, AND BROWN, HARD AND SOFT FELT HATS,

in a variety of New Shapes.

DRAB AND GREY SINGLE and DOUBLE TERA HATS.

STRAW HATS.

MILITARY and FELT HELMETS, and TWEED HATS and CAPS in Stock and made to order.

Hongkong, October 8, 1887. 1964

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QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

J. COOK, Proprietor.

THE HOTEL IS CENTRALLY SITUATED AND WITHIN A FEW MINUTES' WALK FROM THE PRINCIPAL OFFICES.

GOOD ACCOMMODATION FOR VISITORS.

CHARGES MODERATE.

TIFFIN at 1 o'clock. DINNER at 7.30.

WELL VENTILATED BILLIARD ROOM.

TIFFIN 50 CENTS. DINNER 75 CENTS.

Wines, Spirits and Malt Liquors of the very best quality only.

Hongkong, April 1, 1887. 607

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Marine Office, has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.

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The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

Continental languages are spoken.

Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE, Proprietors.

Hongkong, September 16, 1885. 1812

W. POWELL & Co.

EX GLENGARRY.

FIRST DELIVERIES OF AUTUMN AND WINTER DRESS MATERIALS.

Prices from 15 Cents per Yard.

A SPLENDID ASSORTMENT OF CHEAP BALL DRESS MATERIALS.

W. POWELL & Co.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, September 20, 1887.

(TELEPHONE 21). 1907

Intimations.

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Fourteenth Ordinary Yearly MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the Society will be held at its HEAD OFFICE, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 27th Instant, at Half-past Three o'clock, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with Statement of Accounts for the year 1886, and for the half-year ending 30th June, 1887.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 27th Instant, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

DOUGLAS JONES, Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, October 11, 1887. 1932

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE Sixth Ordinary General MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned at 12 o'clock (noon) on SATURDAY, the 29th October instant.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 16th to the 29th Instant, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hongkong, October 8, 1887. 1903

Intimations.

NOTICE.

HER MOST GRACIOUS MAJESTY'S JUBILEE.

IT having been decided to CELEBRATE HER MAJESTY'S JUBILEE on WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 9th and 10th November, all MEMBERS of the Community are invited to Co-operate with the JUBILEE COMMITTEE by ILLUMINATING their OFFICES and PRIVATE RESIDENCES.

By Order,

J. H. STEWART-LOOKHART, Honorary Secretary.

Hongkong, September 15, 1887. 1796

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONDS FOR THE YEAR 1886.

SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company are requested to FURNISH the Undersigned with a List of their Contributions for the year ending 31st December last, in order that the DISTRIBUTION of the PROFITS reserved for CONTRIBUTORS may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the THIRTIETH DAY of NOVEMBER NEXT, will be adjusted by the Company, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited.

Hongkong, October 15, 1887. 2010

Intimations.

CHAS. J. GAUPP & Co.,
Chronometer, Watch & Clock Makers,
Jewellers, Gold & Silversmiths.

NAUTICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND METEOROLOGICAL INSTRUMENTS.
VORLÄNDER'S CELESTIAL BINOCULARS AND TELESCOPES.
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English SILVER & ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.
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GOLD & SILVER JEWELLERY.
in great variety.

DIAMONDS.

DIAMOND JEWELLERY.

A Splendid Collection of the Latest LONDON PATTERNS, at very moderate prices. 742

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned are SOLE AGENTS for Hongkong and Manila for the Sale of THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE.

THE MONTERRAT LIME JUICE COORDIALS.

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, May 3, 1887. 864

Prospectus.

TRITON INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated in Calcutta under the Indian Companies' Act of 1882. Limiting the Liability of Shareholders to the Amount of their Shares.)

DATE OF FORMATION as an UNLIMITED PARTNERSHIP, A.D. 1850.

NOMINAL CAPITAL, Rs. 25,00,000.

First Issue 18,000 Shares of Rs. 100. Rs. 25 being paid-up, viz.:—

Rs. 5 on Application, and Rs. 20 on Allotment.

APPLICATION FOR SHARES will be received in Calcutta and London, and at the Branch Agencies of the Old Company.

Consulting Committee: E. S. GURRAY, Esq., J. Messrs. ELIAS S. GURRAY & Co., Calcutta.

J. E. D. EZRA, Esq., of Messrs. E. D. J. EZRA & Co.

L. A. LYALL, Esq., of Messrs. LYALL, MARSHALL & Co.

H. M. RUSTON, Esq., Esq.

Sir A. WILSON, of Messrs. JARDINE, SKINNER & Co. (Chairman).

General Agents: Messrs. JARDINE, SKINNER & Co., Calcutta.

PROSPECTUS can be seen, and Application Form for Shares obtained of Messrs. JARDINE, SKINNER & Co., Hongkong.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, September 29, 1887. 1910

Notice of Firm.

NOTICE.

MR. RATANJI SORABJI TALATI will Sign the Name of our Firm from this date.

E. N. MEHTA & Co.

Hongkong, October 1, 1887. 1919

Notices to Consignees.

THE CHINA SHIPPERS MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. Kaitou, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED, Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent in to the Office of the Undersigned, before Noon on the 26th Instant, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 26th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 10 a.m. To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNHOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, October 19, 1887. 2020

To Let.

TO BE LET.

With Immediate Possession.

SUITE of ROOMS fronting the Praya and Pedder Street upon the Ground Floor of Building recently occupied by Messrs. MILCHERS & Co.

These Premises are well adapted for OFFICES or STORES.

ROOMS on the First and Second Floors of Marine House.

BISSE VILLA, PORTUGAL, A GODOWN, at HONGKONG.

Apply to SHARP & Co., Estate Agents, Marine House.

Hongkong, October 17, 1887. 2025

TO LET.

ROOMS in 'COLLIER CHAMBERS'.

Apply to DAVID SASSOON, SON & Co.

Hongkong, May 25, 1887. 644

Auctions.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
PUBLIC AUCTION.

TO BE SOLD by PUBLIC AUCTION at the Harbour Office, at Noon, on FRIDAY, the 4th November.

THE GOVERNMENT STEAM LAUNCH STANLEY.

Length, 70 feet; Breadth 12 feet; Depth, 7 feet; Draft of Water, 5.9 feet aft, 4.3 feet forward. New Compound Engines, Speed about 9 knots. Boat, 4 years old. The Boat is fitted for towing, has a Fire Engine fitted, and Good Accommodation for use as a Ferry-boat.

For further Particulars, apply at the Harbour Office.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, October 21, 1887. 2048

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

JULES MUMIN & Co's CHAMPAGNE.

Quarts, \$20

portion to our income, but they are actually in the hands of the amount raised at the corresponding period of last year. You have no doubt noticed that of the 181 shares recalled under revision of shares, 161 shares still remain unallotted, and that their par value is written off the Capital, which practically makes the Company the holder of these shares for the time being. It is of course our intention to realize these shares as soon as eligible holders are forthcoming. I have now to propose the first Resolution—That the Directors' Report and Accounts as now presented be adopted and passed. Mr. Bell seconded the resolution, which was not carried unanimously. Mr. Young then proposed that the Directors be and are hereby authorized to close up the accounts of the year 1896 as soon as it is found expedient to do so, and that after making due provision for outstanding liabilities and debts, any further profit or loss may be put to the credit of the Reserve Fund. Mr. Archibald Little seconded the resolution, which was carried unanimously.

THE JUBILEE AT HONGKONG.

Hongkong is to go mad for three days in the month of November in honour of the Queen's Jubilee. There will be one continued roar of crackling from morning till night, processions by the mile, illuminations on a grand scale, &c. &c. The sum of \$50,000 has been collected for the purpose of 'Jubileeing,' and of this probably more than \$35,000 will be spent on a statue for Her Majesty, the order for which is in the hands of representatives of the Jubilee Committee at Home. Of the remaining \$15,000 there will be little left, we fear, after carrying out the big programme of demonstrations that has been drawn out. This programme will doubtless be made public in a day or two, but meantime it may not be out of place to give an idea of what the 'Jubilee' is to consist of. First of all, the steamers from Canton and the passage-boats from the neighbouring islands will pour into Hongkong, it is estimated, some fifty or sixty thousand gentlemen of the first water to see the gorgeous procession and all the grandeur that this Colony on its can display. How these visitors are to find lodging, we do not know, but we suppose that Messrs. Price and Ackroyd will have an opportunity of studying the effects of overcrowding on a large scale. The roar will begin at nine o'clock on the 9th, when fire-works will be let off from pontoons anchored in the harbour. The Chinese fire-works East and West will then blaze forth and the 'processioning' will begin. There has been great competition among the Chinese for the honour of producing the best dragon, and prizes consisting of medals, have been offered for the best productions. We have not yet learned the order of the processions or how they are to be distributed through the three days, but we hear that some of the processions will be three miles long and will be of a strikingly gorgeous character. In the evening the city will be illuminated on a grand scale. The City Hall and all the public buildings will be ablaze with fantastic lights, and from the spirit with which the community generally have entered into the matter, we have no doubt that private homes will not be behind in this respect. Full advantage will likely be taken of the ridges of the hill to make a large display of lights, while the vessels in the harbour will be illuminated. On the second day there will be, besides the crackling and illuminations, the ceremony of unveiling the statue of Sir Arthur Kennedy in the Public Gardens, which will be performed in the afternoon. His Excellency the Governor presiding. In the evening there will be a grand Jubilee Ball, to which the whole of the community will be asked, subscriptions being limited to \$5. The demonstration will be continued on the third day and will finish up by a fête, illuminations and a bazaar in the Public Gardens in aid of the Alice Memorial Hospital.

It is not yet certain whether the Admiral and the fleet will be here before the Jubilee to join in the demonstrations. Their presence would undoubtedly add to the demonstration, but whether the fleet is here or not, we have no doubt the Military and Naval authorities will join in the rejoicing. The Regiment, it will be remembered, is to be sent to the front, and proper duty, but this will not prevent them from joining heartily with the citizens. There is a desire, we believe, on the part of numerous citizens to take an example from Singapore and Shanghai and give the sailors and soldiers a treat or at least an opportunity of drinking the health of Her Majesty in a public house. We believe that in or to assure this the erection of the statue is to be conducted under the supervision of the Government, a fine precaution, will be taken to avoid as far as possible any accidents happening in connection with the processions. The arrangements for the Jubilee are being carried out by the Jubilee Committee, which now consists of the following gentlemen:—Hon. J. Bull-Brink (Chairman), Mr. E. R. Bell, Mr. W. F. Darby, Mr. J. P. Chaker, Mr. W. H. F. Darby, Mr. J. Francis, Dr. H. Kai, Hon. A. P. Mac, Mr. H. N. Mody, Mr. H. N. Price, Mr. W. A. Yek, Mr. T. Jackson, Mr. E. L. Wok, in Mr. H. A. Mei, and Mr. Lee Sing.

The following subscriptions have been made:

The V. by Government	\$25,000
General Chamber	100
W. H. Matheson & Co.	100
Bellicon & Co.	1,000
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	500
Canton Insurance Office, Limited	500
China Fire Insurance Company, Limited	500
D. E. Saxon	500
C. P. Chaker	1,000
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corp.	1,000
Union Insurance Society, Limited	500
Holliday & Co.	500
Douglas Lopp & Co.	500
D. Saxon & Co.	500
E. D. Saxon & Co.	500
W. H. Matheson & Co.	500
Butcherfield & Swire	500
H. N. Mody	500
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	500
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao Steamship Company, Limited	500
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	500
Qibb, Livingston & Co.	500

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China Sugar Refining Co., Limited
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Sharp, Johnson and Stokes
Lana, Stewart & Co.
Chater and Vernon
Benjamin & Darby
Eskel & Joseph
Cohen & Gubley
Stokes & Young
Gliman & Co.
Caldwell & Co.
Caldwell & Wilkman
N. Mody & Co.
C. Pallanjan & Co.
Tata & Co.
Tharia Tapan
Khrabinsky Pabary
J. H. D. Humphreys
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Linstead & Davis
W. G. Humphreys
T. Jackson
J. A. Mosely

CORRESPONDENCE.

TWO INCIDENTS.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Monday, Oct. 24, 1897.

SIR—At West Point a friend, watching some children at play, observed them testing with grave anxiety and other temperature with glass of bamboo. The clinical thermometer, you see, is becoming sadly familiar here.

At East Point I watched four youngsters go through a burial service with a doll which they buried in a lady's stay box, deep in the grass, with all the solemnity of witnesses at the grave site; with the addition of two shrieks, one each from the two girls. Later in the day the body was solemnly exhumed and then buried at sea from the Praya wall.

Yours &c.

OBSERVER ON HOLIDAY.

SUPREME COURT.

IN CRIMINAL JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour Mr. Justice Russell, Acting Chief Justice.)

Monday, Oct. 24.

The sittings of the monthly Criminal Sessions were resumed to-day.

TRIAL SOCIETY CASE.

Mr. Yui Sang was charged with being a member of the Trial Society. He pleaded guilty. The Ordinance referred to in a very great measure the legislation respecting the Trial Society, and one of the sections, namely, Section 10, provided that any person found in possession of banners, insignia or writs belonging to the Trial Society should be punished as if he were a member of the society. The Ordinance would tell the jury that in virtue of a warrant he went on the 20th of August to the first floor of the house 45 E at Street, a back room of which was inhabited by the defendant. The Inspector would tell the jury that he found in this room a banner, a flag, and a number of papers or writings of the Trial Society, including a certificate of the Society, a book and a kind of chart. These would be produced and would be explained to the jury, and it would be their duty first to say whether these articles were really found in the room inhabited by the defendant, and whether they were in his custody or possession; and next, if the articles produced were either banners, insignia or writs of the Trial Society. Of course if (he Acting Attorney General) could satisfy the jury on these two points he should be entitled to ask for the verdict of guilty. Evidence was then heard.

Inspector Quincey stated that he first arrested the man on suspicion of being connected with the recent burglary at Kowloon Point, and finding in his possession the articles produced he afterwards charged him with being a member of the Trial Society.

Mr. Ho Kai Sing, First Interpreter at the Police Court, said he had a knowledge of the Trial Society insignia and documents from having seen them in the Police Court. The paper produced contained the oath of the Trial Society. One of the oaths was what was called the 'pledge' oath.

His Honor asked if that was not a common oath.

Witness said it was not; it was a special oath of the Trial Society. The certificate produced was the certificate given to head men of the Society. The papers produced were representations of flags and insignia of the Trial Society.

Prisoner said he had copied the documents for some one, and he came to him and asked him to copy them for him.

Witness said, a fortune-teller who was called for the defence, said the prisoner was a fortune-teller also, and used to have his table in the Chinese Recreation ground. The witness related a story a mile or two given by the prisoner as to a man having given him the documents to copy.

The jury found the prisoner guilty by a majority of six to one.

CHIEF CLERK'S CASE.

Wong Ahuk was charged with burglary on, alternatively with larceny, or with entering a house at night with intent to steal.

The Acting Attorney General said the prisoner was charged on the first count with burglary, or breaking into a dwelling house at night and stealing certain things. On the second count he was charged with stealing only, and on the third count, with entering a dwelling house at night with intent to steal.

The complainant was a tailor and lived at number 12 Tai-Wing Street. About two o'clock in the morning of the 27th September he was awakened by hearing some one striking a match, and getting up, saw the prisoner in his room. The complainant had a pillow-box at the head of his bed in which were three dollars and a pair of earrings valued at three dollars. When the complainant raised the alarm the man, who had possession of this pillow-box, threw it down and ran away. He police constable who was in a neighbouring street heard the alarm and saw the prisoner running. He would tell the jury that the prisoner was running from the detection of the complainant, and that he tried to get to the full moon, when he was arrested and brought back to the complainant's house, where the complainant was making a great noise. The prisoner was searched, but the two dollars or the earrings were not found on him. The witness would be asked the jury to find whether the prisoner was guilty or whether he

had just time to do so but was in the house for the purpose of stealing. If they were not satisfied on either the count of burglary or larceny, then the count of entering a dwelling-house for the purpose of stealing should be considered. The defence of the prisoner was that he was not inside the house; that he had been outside and that the complainant had some grudge against him, and on this occasion had chased him.

The jury, after hearing the evidence, unanimously found the prisoner guilty on the third count.

ENTERING A BOY INTO THE COLONY.

An Akwau was charged with introducing a boy named Hing into the Colony on the 14th Oct. 1897. This charge was connected with that on which two men were tried on the first day of the session, the charge against them being that of fraudulently introducing the boy Hing into the Colony.

The Acting Attorney General stated that the complainant was in employment at Canton, and the prisoner, who was a fellow-villager of his, brought him down to Hongkong on the representation that he would get him employment where he could learn engineering. The boy was afterwards found by the police and taken to the police station on board S. S. Zamboni, which was about to leave for Singapore.

The jury on hearing the evidence found the prisoner not guilty.

An adjournment was then made till Friday at 10.30.

THE CITY HALL.

The following is the Report to be submitted to the Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Subscribers to the City Hall, to be held at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, the 26th day of October, 1897:

The last Annual Meeting was held on the 30th day of October, 1896.

Committee.—No changes have taken place in the constitution of the Committee since the last Annual Meeting, and the same still consists of the Hon. J. Bell-Brink, Chairman; the Hon. F. D. Sassoon (absent); the Hon. A. MacEwen, and Messrs. W. H. Darby, H. H. Darby, and H. N. Mody.

State of the Building.—In accordance with the statement made by the Chairman at the last Annual Meeting, the Committee have gone to considerable expense in having the interior of the building overhauled, painted, and redecorated, and in having the three thousand dollars for this purpose. The Committee's attention having been called to the condition of the floor of the St. Andrew's Hall and to the fact that the wooden pillars in the Library were severely sufficient to allow of the St. Andrew's Hall being used with safety for dancing, the Committee decided to replace the old pillars in the Library by six iron columns, which they accordingly ordered from England. These iron columns are now in place, and the Committee cannot fail to realize that the substitution had become necessary; upon removing the old wooden pillars, not only were three of them found to be partially destroyed, but two of the large beams supporting the roof of the St. Andrew's Hall were also found to be in an advanced stage of decay owing to their having been attacked from underneath by the white ants which had descended the pillars, and this too although the usual inspection of the building for the purpose of ascertaining the damage done by the white ants was held in March last. The marble floor of the Northern end of the Eastern verandah, outside the St. Andrew's Hall having sunk, the floor was opened and it was found that one of the beams beneath was decayed and had to be replaced. This has now been done, and as the architects report that no other structural defects at present exist, the supporters of the building may congratulate themselves upon the building generally being in a better state than it has been in for some years past.

The Committee regret that the supply of water to the City Hall is still so small as to be unsatisfactory, and to render the danger from fire to which it is exposed greater. They would be glad to see the water supply otherwise would be the case, but they have been assured that a much larger supply will be secured as soon as the new Tyam reservoir is completed.

As the amount for which the building was insured from damage by fire, namely \$70,000, was not considered adequate to meet the present value for insurance purposes, the Committee in February last requested Messrs. Bird & Palmer to inform them how much the building would cost to replace in the event of its being burned down. The architects reported that, considering the present expense of building, they did not think it greater than \$140,000, and that the present value of the building was accordingly obtained from the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company and the China Fire Insurance Company for two sums of \$70,000, the total of the two amounts being declared and accepted as the full insurable value. Of the above sum of \$140,000 it was decided that \$20,000 should remain for the purpose of the present fire, and the balance of \$120,000 should be applied to the building generally.

The Theatre.—The income derived from this source during the year from 1st July 1896 to 30th June 1897, is less than \$2,000, being \$1,837.80, and the Theatre is a professional company visited the Colony during the two months under review, as against nine during the previous year. Three performances were given by the Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club, and the Theatre was upon several occasions let at nominal rates for charitable purposes. Slight alterations were made to the Theatre, and the Theatre was in order to meet the wishes of the members of the Amateur Dramatic Club, while the whole of the ceiling and interior has been repainted and decorated. The gas star-lights in the centre of the ceiling having given dissatisfaction the Committee are having them replaced by electric lights, which has been decided for some time to be lowered and put into proper working order, and the Committee believe that the condition of the Theatre now gives every satisfaction.

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